

SPECIAL KINDS OF LEGISLATION

A. Local Bills

Apply to particular named city, county, local school board, or local authority.

1. Advertising

- a. You must advertise one time within 60 days of the first day of session or during session, in the legal organ of the county.
- b. A bill cannot be introduced in the same calendar week the ad runs, and Sunday is the first day of a calendar week, not Monday. We do not release the bill from our office until the member is allowed to file the bill.
- c. We strongly advise you to use the ad prepared by the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure compliance with constitutional requirements. This is also helpful in case there are any amendments to the original bill.
- d. Once the ad has run in the legal organ of the county, please bring the original or a copy of the ad as it appeared in the paper to the Office of Legislative Counsel. We will then prepare the affidavit for the member to sign. You may also scan and email a photo copy of the advertisement to legcounsel@legis.ga.gov.
- e. We recommend bringing a copy of the ad to our office during the week the ad is running so that the affidavit can be prepared and ready the following week. This reduces the time a member must wait while the affidavit is being prepared and/or we are helping other members.
- f. Only members (and not others authorized to pick up legislation) may pick up local bills as we cannot release these types of bills without the signed affidavit. Once the member signs the affidavit, it gets attached to the bill. It must stay attached and travel with the bill.

2. Special Notices

If the bill amends a city, county, or consolidated government charter, a copy of the notice must be mailed or faxed to that governing body that same week or within seven days after the ad has run.

B. Road Dedications/Naming Resolutions

Process

1. Contact the GDOT and request a "no conflict letter" prior to requesting a resolution (AConrad@dot.ga.gov).
2. Provide bio info on the person the road is to be named for - same process as a commending resolution.
3. You may pick up and file the road naming dedication/resolution prior to running your ad in the local paper, as there is no requirement for the member to sign an affidavit in order to file. However, the advertisement must be run in the local paper where the road is located prior to the committee hearing the resolution.